GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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PROBLEMS OF OPIUM GROWERS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the opium growers of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have demanded to raise the rates ofopium, extension of farming areas and making the provision of relief in case of natural calamities; and

(b) If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

a) Yes Sir. Several such suggestions and demands have been made from time to time by opium cultivators and others.

b) All such suggestions and demands are kept in view while drafting the Opium Policy which is formulated every year in September-October.